[illegible] river
[illegible] river
[illegible]

July 10th to Sept 30th
1910

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Sunday 10 M [illegible]
Went Over to a Slough of
Lagoons about 10 miles
from camp Shot a lot
Brown Hawk [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
killed some 6 [illegible] of
them having in a hole
with [illegible] the young
not quite ready for
fly to [illegible]
eggs [illegible] [illegible]
Pelicans in their [illegible]
on eggs There was a large
Flock of Pin. Grebes & a
Pelicans Flock of White
Black & Teal Ducks [illegible]
Dogal Saw [illegible]
Native camp [illegible]
[illegible] Hawk killed [illegible]

Egrets White fronted a
Ibises Heron a single
Florida Heron off the
second Lagoon there are
2 more nests of the Egre
herons opp. bar 2 old
nests probably open
still saw a few Tern
& Ducks on the both lagoons
The Lagoons are surrounded
by [illegible] & [illegible] pond
Trees, where the canoe
comes open places are
Flushed a [illegible] and a
[illegible] like [illegible]
could not flush it again
next camp nothing of
the finish

Came back Sunday
up [illegible] [illegible]
after [illegible] [illegible]

color legs bluish grey
stomach cont grass-
hoppers + beetles.

Examined an old camping
ground of the blacks near
these lagoons found a
few peculiar pieces of flints
but nothing else of note
~~Went to the other~~

Monday 11th. Went up
the creek to the mouth of [illegible]
found the Redwinged blackbird saw
2 birds about the same
place where I had seen them
before. Shot both of them
one appears to be a young
bird could not find
any more of them so I
returned to camp & skinned them

Redwinged blackbird Male Colors
normal eyes brown bill
brown & tipped with very
white legs very dark
brown. Stomach had
small insects & berries

Young Male similar to the
other one

Went down the creek to where I had found the falcon's nest before I flushed the bird I saw that it was a Light Brown hawk there was but 2 eggs in the nest so I left them. Took 2 eggs from a Kingbird a little further on came back to camp & had some dinner after dinner I took the rifle & went down to the river to see if I could get a shot at crocodile for skinning but did not have any luck I shot one big one about 8 ft long but he slid off the rocks into deep water & I could not get him. On the

way down to the river
I saw a single [illegible]
killed from which I a
coming back to camp
along the creek I saw
a large flock of Bay-win
grass finch (P. gramineus) and I
still flushed many one
it was then late when
I reached camp to go
back I have some specim
ens

Found some peculiar form
of stone in the creek &
brought some along
with me

Friday 12th Rode up
the river this morning 6
miles from camp &
then walked down the
river for two or three miles
Shot at a spotted [illegible]
but did not bring it
down. examined 2 H
Eagles nests one ready
for eggs & one with 1
egg. Flushed a bird from
one nest but tree difficult
to climb & saw a couple
of old nests nothing more
[illegible] coming back to
where I left my horse
I saw & shot a pair of
Turkeys. Shot at while
them at pretty close range
& they were [illegible]

hunted about. Find-
ing them around down
the river on the other
side for some distance
but did not see or get
anything. I found some
fine tracks of [illegible]
around at the [illegible]
I brought a trap to
set it along with some
I saw one species of [illegible]
by 18 inches in diameter
I went back to camp & then
the [illegible]

[illegible] Male [illegible]
normal upon back brown
buff brown & black
bys dark. stripes [illegible]
and small [illegible]

Female appears same
as the male

Wednesday 13th Went down the river & examined the Buzzards nest there was no egg but the nest appeared to be finished saw the bird circling over head. Went to the other Hawks nest found on the 5th & flushed the bird it flew to a tree in which its mate was sitting & I saw that it was a W Eagle the nest still cont only one egg so I left it Went down to the crossing & came up the other side of the river found a Ravens nest with fullfledged young in it & a couple of W Eagles nests one old one & one just ready for eggs I did not feel for well so I returned to camp Later on in the afternoon I went down the creek to see if I could get any Gouldian finches but did not see any of the birds

Wedge tailed Eagle, White
bellied Sea eagle, Buzzard
W Eagle Kite Black Falcon
Brown Hawk Light Brown
Hawk Spotted Harrier Goshawk
Kestrel. Winking Boobook
Delicate Owl. Crow Raven
Magpie Butcher Bird Grallina
Graucalus, Bower Bird, Lalage
[illegible], Treecreeper Sittella
Mistletoe Bird Mirafra, Grass
Bird Babbler Acanthiza
Turnix Thickhead Gerygone
Sericornis, [illegible] Malurus,
Grey Martin [illegible] Bird
[illegible] [illegible]ula. [illegible] +
[illegible] [illegible]
Zosterops [illegible] Throated [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Masked [illegible],
[illegible] Gouldian Finches Red
[illegible] & Yellow rumped.
[illegible] [illegible] Sun [illegible]

Black & White Leaden
Fantail flycatchers

Malurus assimilus Brown
Wren Black & Sulphur crest'd
Cocky Galah [illegible] black
a [illegible] Parrot Crimson-wing
[illegible] Lorikeets Budgerigar
Hawks Red-backed Kingfisher
Pied goose Black, Teal, Whistling
Wood duck Pelican Jabiru
Native Companion Turkey
Spoonbill Royal spoonbill
Pacific [illegible] Heron White-fronted
Heron Egret Little Egret Darter
Pied Cormorant

[illegible]

Allen

[illegible] Rushin [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]
male of
Female

Saturday 30th Did not feel well enough to go out.

Sunday 31st Packed up a nest of the Bourke Finch Pheeki & mirabilis & personata netted around 6 miles along the track

August

Monday 1st. Had a visit at a collection of Finches in Mr. [illegible] aviary Chestnut eared Finches Crimson, White Breasted Chestnut Breasted Pheeki mirabilis personata Red faced Finch all caught in the district

Had a look at a pair of parrots at Mr Webers. they were taken 120 miles from Bourke town near to Flinders on a station of Mr Webers he said that he only saw one pair of birds about there & they nested in a large gum tree in the garden & that they were nesting there again at the present time. I think that they are mulga parrakeet.

Tuesday 2nd

Wednesday 3rd

Thursday 4th

Friday 5th

Saturday 6th Went out to lake
7 miles from the town

Sunday 7th

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th

Wednesday 10th Left Burketown went down the river for a few miles & anchored for the night. Travelling [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] killed [illegible] [illegible] heard crocodiles roaring during the night

Thursday 11th

Friday 12th

Saturday 13th

Sunday 14th

Monday 15th Arrive Thursday island

Tuesday 16th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Friday 19th

Saturday 20th

Sunday 21st

Monday 22nd

Tuesday 23rd

Wednesday 24th Going over to Kerr island Had a good look round the island. & found a White bellied Sea eagles nest a pair of birds flew from the vicinity but there was no eggs in the nest

Thursday 25th

Friday 26th left in mail boat for Peakport [illegible] with Mr Jardine.

Saturday 27th

Sunday 28th Went to Class
Sunday School [illegible]
Evening Meeting

Monday 29th [illegible] [illegible] room
in Island & [illegible] anchor
again — I visited a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] is next on Middle
island about a mile from
Possession I could not get
across the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
saw the [illegible] about the
island [illegible] I think they
have [illegible] [illegible] any yet
[illegible] sail [illegible] [illegible] peninsula
about 10 30 PM & reach
there about 2 30 am

Tuesday 30th Return to C. J. Fair wind but heavy sea running reach S. J. 1,30 p.m.

Wednesday 31th

September

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd

Saturday 3rd

Sunday 4th

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

Saturday 10th Went over
to Somerset by the
John Douglas Mrs
Jardine & Bert on board
also.

Sunday 11th Went through scrub near the beach found an old nest of [illegible] frenata

Monday 12th Went out into scrub at back of the house to get some Nutmeg pigeons found Gerygone personata building

Monday 13th Went out to same scrub as yesterday but looked for a while did not find anything of note

Tuesday 14th Went over to Byra with Bert 3 colonies of Calornis noted along the track just commencing building operations. 3 fresh mounds of Tallegallus purpureicollis noted, Nest of Cinnyris with one young

one noted in Mangroves
Malurus amabilis noted
in patches of grass near
Pyra

Thursday 15th Return
to Somerset

Friday 16th Went out to Lockabie 12 miles distant fresh mound of Megapode noted along the track nothing else of note. Make a start for Somerset again about 5-30 pm & arrive there about 10 pm

Saturday 17th

Sunday 18th Went
down to Mangroves
below the house, found
a nest of Pewingi with
1 young one, saw a big
Crocodile near beach
Mikany island appeared
to be over 20 ft long he
was waiting for some calm
[illegible] [illegible] weather there

Monday 19th Went down
to [illegible] Bay with Fred
to Pelican Creek did not
get any water too dirty

e/i.

uesday 20th Went to have a look at nest of Gerygone personata the birds had deserted (or did not see them), found Rifle birds nest cont. 2 fresh eggs. Nest built of leaves both green & dry, & placed in a fork of a thin sapling about 10 ft from the ground. Saw another female Rifle bird & watched her for some time but did not find any nest. Found a colony of Calornis building some of the nests nearly finished. A pair of Fig birds in the same tree appeared to be looking for a nesting place.

Wednesday 21st Went out to Ely point with Bert for some oysters Found the skeleton of a large snake & an Ant eater, the snake had evidently tried to make a meal of the Ant eater & so met its death, the last named showed it too many points

Thursday 22nd Went over to Thursday island by the Melbidir arrived there 6. p.m.

Friday 23rd Made enquiries about a lugger for our trip only one available did not secure it.

Saturday 24th

Sunday 25th Went for a walk round the island did not see anything of note.

Monday 26

Tuesday 27th Saw the Chaplain of the Miramac & arranged with him to pick me up at Somerset on his return from Perth 11th Dec.

Wednesday 28th
Got a passage for Somer-
set aboard a lugger the
Amy, left at 11 am got
as far as Peak point
& anchored

Thursday 29th Got an
early start, light breeze,
had to anchor again
after doing about 6 miles
tide running against
us. Got under way again
after dinner, [illegible] a
little further reach
Somerset about 3 p.m

Friday 30th West scrub
Fly point beach found 3 old
nests Ptilotis lewini 2
old nests Thrush Rose crown
Pigeon building Gerygone
personata half built nest

Malurus melanocephalus
finishing nest near house
Rose crowned Pigeon nest
1 hard set egg in Mangroves